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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS ON CONSULAR AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 277325

1. EUR/CE DIRECTOR GEORGE CALLED IN GDR DCM ELM

DECEMBER 23 TO GIVE HIM COPY OF US DRAFT CONSULAR
CONVENTION.

2. DEPTOFF INFORMED ELM THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS NOW
STUDYING GDR DRAFT CONSULAR CONVENTION (REFTEL) AND,
REFERRING TO STATEMENT MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN
TO GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER DURING COURTESY CALL LAST WEEK,
INDICATED THAT US SIDE HOPED NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN AT
THE END OF JANUARY OR BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. DEPTOFF
ADDED THAT VENUE FOR OPENING ROUND OF TALKS HAD NOT YET
BEEN DECIDED ON US SIDE BUT THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE
RECOMMENDATION IN THIS REGARD SOON. IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTION BY ELM, DEPTOFF ALSO INDICATED THAT US
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NEGOTIATING TEAM HAD NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN.

3. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE KEY MEMBER OF US NEGOTIATING

TEAM FROM LEGAL DIVISION WHO FOR PRESSING FAMILY REASONS
WOULD FIND IT HARD TO TRAVEL TO EAST BERLIN IN JANUARY/
FEBRUARY PERIOD, WE WOULD PREFER THAT TALKS START IN
WASHINGTON. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS
ON THIS MATTER. GDR EMBASSY HAS NOT EXPRESSED TO US
ANY CLEAR PREFERENCE CONCERNING SITE FOR THE BEGINNING
OF TALKS.

4. COPY OF US DRAFT CONSULAR CONVENTION BEING POUCHED
EMBASSY ATTENTION GROVE. KISSINGER

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